

## House Resolution 2126

By: Representative Hudson of the 124<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Joseph D. Nelson, chief of police of the City of Thomson; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Joseph D. Nelson was recently appointed as chief of police of the City of  
4 Thomson and is the first black person to attain such rank in the city's history; and

5 WHEREAS, his distinguished career in law enforcement spans 21 years, including 18 years  
6 moving up through the ranks as a road patrol officer, sergeant, lieutenant, and chief criminal  
7 investigator with the Washington police department; and

8 WHEREAS, he was also a military policeman in the United States Army, serving as a  
9 bodyguard for general officers and foreign dignitaries; and

10 WHEREAS, he is a strong advocate of community policing, developing personal  
11 relationships and rapport with the citizens that the department serves; and

12 WHEREAS, he is a native of Jefferson County and grew up in Wrens, graduated from Wrens  
13 High School, played football under the late coach Erk Russell at Georgia Southern  
14 University, and is a graduate of Troy University's Augusta campus, from which institution  
15 he holds both bachelor of science and masters degrees, magna cum laude, in criminal justice.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
17 the members of this body congratulate Joseph D. Nelson upon his appointment as chief of  
18 police of the City of Thompson.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
20 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Chief Joseph D. Nelson.